

Mirror editorials, etc.

Paving is good

It was with a great deal of relief that we learned last week that a section of heavily-traveled West Side street would be paved either late this fall or early next spring by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Although half of the road was oiled early this summer season, the road has been the scene of dust clouds drifting across nearby homes, the new West Side House Co., and the West Side Park.

Not only then was the unpaved section of street connecting Hospital Street with North Scott Street uncomfortable to ride over, but also a health hazard due to its floating clouds of dust.

And when we say it is heavily traveled, we mean just that as 18-wheelers and other heavy trucks have to use the street since they cannot use the Dundaff Street Viaduct.

And if you believe that one, we'll print your name here next week.

WE WATCHED a Scottish play the other night and have added some new words to our vocabulary.

Such as "wee bairn."

Well let you wonder about that for a while.

FOR ALL YOU SICKIES (who like Steve Martin, Saturday Night Live, etc.) here is a consumer tip passed along to us via the Royal Canadian Air Force:

And that viaduct!

Since we have already mentioned the Dundaff Street Viaduct, we think it only fair that it receive its fair share of criticism in this week's editorials.

How long has it been since the city first began fighting to have it taken down?

Five years? Six years? Perhaps, even longer ago than that.

No matter how long ago it was that the city first sought to have the deteriorating structure torn down, we hope that PennDOT does not dilly dally come the spring.

It is at that time that we hope that PennDOT will begin demolishing the bridge over the Delaware and Hudson Railway tracks.

BEWARE of a gas tank that doubles as an ashtray.

OUR CAR OF THE WEEK is the Lone Star, introduced in 1920.

IF WE WERE clever we would have said something like "we'll have a cold one." Get it? A cold Lone Star?

HIGHWAY SIGN: "All in favor of saving gasoline - raise your right foot."

BOY, ARE WE hot tonight.

FROM OUR friends down in Wilkes-Barre comes this word about the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Blood Services: The National Headquarters of the American Red Cross recently accredited the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Blood Services in Wilkes-Barre as a reference laboratory.

In a letter to the Red Cross center, Levely T. Barker, M.D., vice president of blood services for the American Red Cross, stated that the Northeastern Pennsylvania pro-

gram has fulfilled "all criteria and standards for reference laboratory performance and consultation."

The reference laboratory serves regional hospitals affiliated with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Center.

NOW, back to our usual format.

HELLO to the Gordons and Ottens in Michigan! But our readers in the Midwest didn't think that we could spell Michigan.

LET'S SEE... we were supposed to give the answer to something here, but we can't remember to what, so we'll have to scan back on our television computer screen to see what it was. Pardon us for a second.

Yes, we promised to tell you what "wee bairn" is in Scottish.

It simply means little babies.

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Let's keep our cool

Of course, we realize that when the viaduct starts coming down, many residents are going to be inconvenienced by having to take a detour around the work site.

Right now we are asking motorists to remember—as the signs say—that this is a temporary inconvenience for a permanent improvement.

Keeping that in mind, we ask the cooperation of all so that the work can get finished and finished soon.

DOUBLE XX MAXX

I have a temporary tenant; his name is Maxx.

He's black and he's white, has two green eyes, and a long bushy tail that he tries to hide.

He's fun and he's quick, a playful little guy, he runs after birds all day in the sky.

He doesn't eat much, just tuna and eggs, at breakfast time, he'll stand by and beg.

He's not very big, and he lives in his hair, with his belly full and his paws in the air.

From first in the morning till last at night, he plays in the garden to children's delight.

As a child's friend, he's an excellent pet, only weighs three pounds, and that's soaking wet.

Though cute and cuddly and I'd like to cling, Double XX Maxx is at the end of his string.

So, if you'll give him a home and lots of love, with lots of love and tuna too, just write the "Mirror" and I'll give him to you.

And you'll have a pet for a long time to come.

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Tom Kenney — prose and verse

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Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor of the Carbondale Mirror are invited from readers and non-readers alike. Fair play and accuracy are the basic guidelines. The name, address, and telephone number of the writer is requested, but will be withheld from publication should the letter writer ask so and provide a good reason. The editors of the Mirror reserve the right to edit or reject any letter.

Good luck

The Mirror:

Good luck to all and God bless.

Kathryn Hoise Carbondale

Women set fall festival

The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church will hold its fall festival on Wednesday.

There will be a food booth, ice cream and candy booth, a Christmas booth, and a nearly new booth.

A luncheon of whimpies or hot dogs will be served at 1:30 p.m. and a roast beef dinner at 5 p.m.

There will also be a silent auction.

The Carbondale Mirror is looking for newspaper carriers for the city's East Side, Canaan Street area, for Simpson, Mayfield, and Jermyn.

Current must be able to pick up newspapers at the Mirror office at 64 Fallbrook St., Carbondale.

For additional information, call 282-0786.

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By NAN WATERS

When you start bawling after the Good Old Days, it means you're over the hill, right?

Like Mrs. Jean Brodie, we like to believe we're in our prime. Or something closely approximating it. But have you been to the movies lately?

The whole hoopla over this film was Julie Andrews' bawling of her bosom. Again, we wondered what all the shouting was about.

So Mary Poppins and Maria von Trapp are no more. So what?

I guess what really gets to us during our nostalgic sojourns at the movies are 1) the prices...we got there three seconds after the matinee prices changed from \$1.75 to \$3.75.

2) The cost of the goodness...candy bars, \$1.25, cokes and popcorn similarly overpriced. 3) The lack of patrons. It was a week night and there couldn't have been more than 10 people in the theater, and 4) the little we got for our outlay of cash. Both films were, we thought, excellent. But that was not even a coming attractions preview of anything.

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It was, in short, a mighty explosive detested expensive evening. We might have been much better off staying at home and reading "Held." From the Carbondale Public Library. We seem to do that quite often when the world is too much with us.

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Mirror consumer news

Nationwide survey serves as basis for jewelry-buying tips

To find out what questions the average consumer most frequently asks of jewelers, the Jewelry Industry Council did a nationwide survey of its retail membership.

"We found the public is looking for quality goods, and they want to be better informed when they consider buying fine jewelry," reported Morton Saret, Council president.

The two categories that were of most interest to the public were diamonds and gold. "What does karat mean?" ... gold filled? ... gold overlay?

Diamonds sparked the same type of inquiries, relating to quality and value. It is indeed encouraging to learn that the average consumer wants to be as informed as the jeweler, and takes the trouble to learn more about what he spends his dollars on," Saret declared.

A service to the public, the Council has compiled the following information on gold and diamonds for consumers' information.

DIAMONDS

Diamonds are rated according to what jewelers call "the four C's" — cut, color, clarity and carat.

Our refers to the shape of the diamond brilliant (round), rectangular, pear, heart, oval or boat-shaped (marquise) — and the carat.

Gold

Pure gold is 24 karats, but because of its softness, gold is alloyed with another metal for jewelry. Fourteen karats or 14K means 14 parts gold and 10 parts of another metal (copper, nickel, brass, etc.). The higher the karat, the more expensive the gold.

If the karat content is stamped on a piece of jewelry, there must be a trademark stamp on the item also. These trademarks are registered with the U.S. Copyright Office in Washington D.C., listing who the maker is.

Gold filled or gold overlay is less costly and is a middle ground between karat gold and costume jewelry. This quality consists of a layer of gold (10 karat or better) mechanically bonded to another metal.

The gold must be at least five percent of the total weight of the article (14K GF or 14K 5 — 14 karat gold filled).

Vernici is a layer of gold at least 120 millionths of an inch mechanically bonded to another metal.

Gold Electroplate is a layer of thin gold at least six millionths of an inch mechanically bonded to a base metal.

Thinner coatings are called gold washed or gold flashed.

Another word of advice from the Council is, if you don't know your jewelry, know your jeweler.

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A buffet will be provided, along with an open bar. Halloween costumes are optional, and prizes will be awarded for best costumes.

Tickets, at \$15 a couple, or \$7.50 a person, may be obtained in advance by calling Mrs. Nolly at 876-0000. Charlene McAdams at 876-1414 or Joan Langman, 876-3974.

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